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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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CORRECTION TO AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
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Further to the Amendment After Allowance filed December 21, 2004, several errors were noticed in the amendments made to the specification, claims and abstract. Therefore, it is requested that the attached Substitute Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 be entered in lieu of the Amendment After Allowance filed December 21, 2004.

In particular, it was noticed that the numerator of the fraction representing the compressibility value A was reversed in several instances, namely in the second full paragraph at page 2, in the abstract, and in claim 1. Thus, in these three instances, the numerator was given as D1-D2, instead of the correct numerator which is D2-D1, as correctly defined in the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 of the specification. One skilled in the art will readily recognize that D1-D2 would yield a negative number, since D1 is the aerated bulk density and D2 is the packed bulk density. It is submitted that these corrections merely conform all of the values for A to that of equation (2) at pages 11-12 of the specification, so that no more than cursory review is required. This error is